Point of order.

* SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" I rise on a point of order, Sir. Rule 138 (1) of the Assembly Rules lays down—

' 138 (1) As soon as may be after the commencement of the first session of each Assembly, a committee on Public Accounts shall be constituted for the purpose of dealing with the reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General relating to the appropriation accounts of the State and such other matters as the Finance Department may refer to the Committee.'

We are now just at the end of the first session. The Committee is not elected. I think it will be improper for us to leave the Assembly without electing a Committee. Because, the old Committee ceased to exist with the commencement of the session, the committee must be constituted now or else it will be out of order."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This is no point of order at all."

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS TOBACCO (TAXATION OF SALES AND REGISTRATION) BILL, 1953—*cont.*

Clause 2.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The House will now take up the consideration of the Bill clause by clause. The motion is :—

' That Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill.' "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Sir, I move the amendment standing in my name, namely,—

' *In Clause* 2 (8) after *the words* " *Presidency Magistrate* " insert *the word* " *or* ".'

This is necessary to set right the grammatical error."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' In Clause 2 (8) *after* the words " Presidency Magistrate " *insert* the word " or ".' "

The amendment was put and carried.

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Sir, I move the amendment standing in my name, namely,—

' *In Clause* 2, *item* (13), *line* (2), *for the word* " *taxed* " substitute *the words* " *liable to tax*." ' "

MR. SPEAKER :—The question is—

' In Clause 2, item (13), line 2, *for* the word " taxed " *substitute* the words " liable to tax ".' "

The amendment was put and carried.

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move the amendment standing in my name, namely,—

' *In Clause* 2 (13) after *the words* " *cigarette tobacco* " *occurring in the last line*, insert *the words* " *in the form of powder* ".'